

ROCKLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ROCKLAND TOWN HALL  
ROCKLAND, MA 02370

November 17, 2010

In attendance at the November 17, 2010 Finance Committee meeting were Joe Weeks, Bill Allen, John Ellard, Dolores Baronas, Joe Gambon, Joe Weeks, Julie Shaffer, Bob MacDonald, Rachel Gear and Paula Ferguson. Absent were Caryn Stevens and Rich Penney.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman John Ellard. John Ellard also announced that the meeting was being recorded.

The Minutes of the last meeting had an incorrect date of September 22, 2010 instead of October 20, 2010. A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Joe Gambon to accept the minutes from October 20, 2010 with the correction of the date. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Town Accountant gave a report advising that some department's budgets are missing. Mr. Hart will e-mail the Finance Committee members as the budgets come in. There is currently no number for the Health Insurance Budget. The state has a 200 million dollar surplus in September and October. There is a 5% cut in unrestricted state aid and no funding of the Quinn Bill. Proposition 2 ½ will bring in an additional \$625,000 and \$200,000 of new growth both of which will be eaten up by the Health Insurance Budget. The Police Department has a savings from the bump being over. The Fire Department used their savings to hire four new people. The Fire Chief also submitted a letter stating that there would be no money available to lease a new fire truck if the money had to come out of the Fire Department Budget which they desperately need. We will have the free cash figure in January.

A request was made to have the Fire Chief come to our next meeting to explain his budget.

Under Other Committee reports: Bill Allen presented that Capital Planning met with Bob Corvi regarding the costs of paving all the roads in Rockland. It would cost \$20 million dollars. They would also look at replacing everything under the roads such as sewer and water pipes before paving.

Our next meeting will be December 15<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Conference Room of the Rockland Town Hall at 6:30.

Joe Gambon made a motion to adjourn at 7:30, seconded by Bob MacDonald. A unanimous vote was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Ferguson  
Secretary  
Rockland Finance Committee